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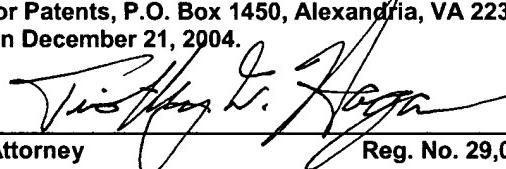
Application of

Applicants : Hinterdorfer et al
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Title : **TOPOGRAPHY AND RECOGNITION IMAGING ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE AND METHOD OF OPERATION**
Docket No. : MOL 0074 PA/40518.102
Examiner : Cygan, Michael
Art Unit : 2855

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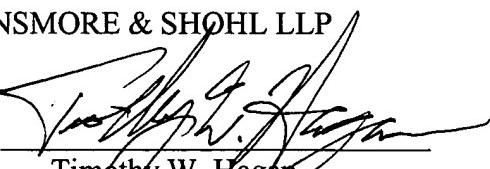
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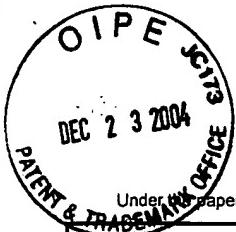
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Application Number 10/697,841		Filed October 30, 2003
For TOPOGRAPHY AND RECOGNITION IMAGING ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE AND METHOD OF OPERATION		
Art Unit 2877		Examiner Michael T. Cygan

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
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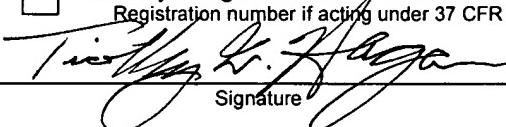
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